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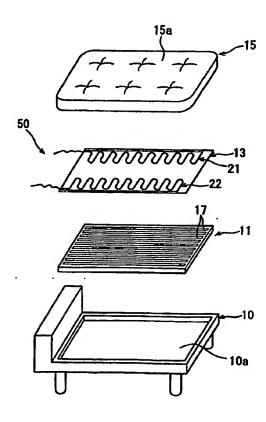
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(54) Title: SLEEPING DEVICE AND SLEEPER'S IN-BED STATE DETECTION METHOD

(54) 発明の名称: 就寝装置及び在床状態検出方法



(57) Abstract: A sleeping device capable of reliably detecting positional deviation of a sleeper and heartbeat vibrations while minimizing cost increase and aggravation of sleeper's feeling in bed; a sleeping device capable of preventing unwanted insertion during raising/lowering of the bed; and a sleeper's in-bed state of detection method. Sleeper's offset is detected by finding a ratio of intensities of output signals from first and second pressure sensors (21, 22) in the form of cable-like pressure sensors laid on opposite ends of a bed surface (15a) on which a sleeper lies and along the direction of lying in bed. When this ratio is in a predetermined offset range, it is decided that an offset has occurred in the sleeper's position on the bed surface (15a). Further, heartbeat vibrations are detected by installing a low-repellency urethane layer in a bed pad, and the raising/lowering of a bed is controlled in response to output from a pressure sensor disposed in a bed.